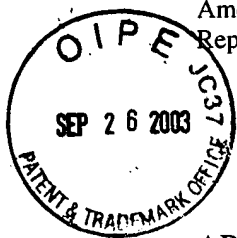


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 17 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets (no annotated sheet showing changes are attached since the changes are simple and obvious).

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including following documents is attached following page 23 of this paper.

Amended drawing figures (FIGS. 1-3)

A copy of the PTO Form 1449 filed on June 12, 2000 with the Examiner's partial acknowledgment.

A copy of missing reference "AC": McKeown, et al., "The Bay Bridge: High Speed Router" which was cited in the PTO Form 1449 identified above.

A copy of grant of Limited Recognition under 37 CFR §10.9(b) for the undersigned to prosecute the patent application before the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the file record.